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THE LEIPZIG FAIR

24 FEBRUARY-6 MARCH 1956

GDR:

As before, the Leipzig Fair was very extensive and technically varied this year. In the weak current field, developments in the sector of measuring instruments (electronics) and in telegraphy were especially noteworthy. To be sure, it was noted that relatively many instruments were marked "New development, deliver during 1957." the GDR is still by no means capable of delivering goods in all sectors

In particular, the following was noted:

M-Sector: [measuring instruments]

Oscillographs, all measuring instruments for television and radio, distortion factor measuring bridges, beat-tone signal oscillators, transformers, audio-frequency testing units, ultra-short-wave testing units, all manner of electronic measuring devices, electron microscope, ultra-sonic measuring instruments for testing materials and for biological examinations, precision measuring devices,

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recorders, current transformers, programming controllers, anemometer, pulse counters, all types of Cal [calorimetric] measuring instruments, etc.

F-[Telecommunications] Official

Teletype equipment, carrier frequency installations of all types, train supervision equipment, directional transmission sets, "Basa," all kinds of special measuring instruments for telecommunications engineering.

F-[Telecommunications] [Private]

Fire alarm switchboards, clocks (main time pieces in wooden cases with pendulums), relay station equipment and rotary-selector installations, push-button panels for electric power stations.

R [Radio] Section:

Radio and television transmitters and receivers; broadcast receivers. The radio receivers were approximately like those of the West German trade, as were the portable magnetic tape recorders. No usable microphones, with the exception of one capacitor microphone, were observed. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The broadcast-receiver installations are relatively primitive, as are the studio switchboards: Part of the switching is done by means of cord plugs.

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Electrochemistry

In the field of electrochemistry, very few items were exhibited, compared to last year, when half of an exhibition hall was used for this exhibit. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

In regard to the fair proper, it can be said that the number of visitors was smaller this year than last. In particular, the practice of exhibiting entire plant models and control installations at the fair seems to have been halted. This also reflected favorably in other organizational factors, such as in catering, and transportation facilities.

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In general, it was noteworthy that the attitude of official GDR circles toward Austria was very bad. The Minister of Trade, in his speech during the opening ceremonies of the fair, had pointed out that Austria, by joining the European Council, had actually violated her neutrality, and he proceeded to criticize this move severely.

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[] it is interesting to note [] that a
GDR enterprise has manufactured a Cinemascope installation. Two films for
this machine are reported to have already been produced in East Germany.

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[] Delegations of Exhibiting Eastern Countries

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Poland

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Mr MAJCHERSKI, Chief of the Weak-Current Section of the ELEKTRIM, and Mr
KRUSZCZYNSKI, specialist in the Ms [sic.] field were present. []

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The Polish delegation was led by Director General DROBOT.

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Bulgaria

The Bulgarian delegation was led by Mr NIKUSHEV [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The questions on the Plovdiv Fair

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were answered by the president of the Bulgarian Chamber of Trade, BANTCHEV. The METALIMPORT Enterprise was represented by STOYANOV and MALKOCHEV. In regard to the Plovdiv Fair, [REDACTED]

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exhibitors are interested in attending. The Bulgarians would like to have documentation regarding directional transmission [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mr BELOPITOV [REDACTED] was formerly

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the director general of ELPROM [REDACTED] is now the chief of the scientific and research institute of the Ministry of Communications. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the telephone centrals were to be modernized in Bulgaria,

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The only question which still remains to be answered is the choice of the cross-bar system or the automatic selector system. A study commission is reportedly

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[REDACTED] to study the cross-bar system. [REDACTED]

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Hungary

Engineer GABOR of ~~the~~ ELEKTROIMPEX in Budapest was present [redacted]

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[redacted] The one notable aspect of the Hungarian exhibit was the number and variety of the most diverse electrotechnical measuring instruments shown. A special section for this type of product is set up within the former ORION Enterprise in Budapest. This section represents serious competition for us. [redacted]

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Hungary nor any of the other Eastern Countries were permitted to purchase any more teletype machines from Munich in the future, since production of these machines has had a good start in the GDR; all satellites are to purchase their machines from the GDR.

Czechoslovakia

Mr VRTIS, who was formerly a subordinate of Mr WENISCHNIGGER from Prague, represented the KOVO Enterprise. [redacted] Czechoslovakia has rejected the cross-bar system in the expansion of the official telephone network and is herself developing an automatic selector.

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Current plans call for a weak-current fair to be held in Prague in fall; it is to be anticipated that foreign participation will be solicited (attention: advertising department.)

In the field of weak-current engineering, KOVO exhibited a clock, a few measuring devices, and a model of the new Prague stadium. In this model, the audio is taken care of on the ground by a number of waterproof, interred speakers, and that of the stands by mushroom-type beam speakers.

Rumania

In the field of weak-current engineering, the Rumanians only exhibited primitive hand telephones and portable instruments for table use, which look almost exactly like the Siemens models.

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The Chinese exhibit was mostly restricted to agricultural and silk products, artistic objects and some machine tools (with a statement that these were built according to Soviet models). They also exhibited an electric clock installation (master clock in a wooden cabinet) suitable for 24-volt operation, as well as a fire alarm system and a telephone relay installation.

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